

THURSDAY, February 27th, 1862.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Davenport, Chaplain of the House.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r, Dent, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Magruder, Davis, of Charles, Johnson, of Baltimore county, Jerome, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Phelps, Carroll, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Coale, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Wolf, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Alexander, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Thomas, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday morning were read.

Mr. Waters presented the petition of J. C. Gest and eighty other citizens of Franklin and Freedom districts, Carroll county, praying a change in the election lines of said districts;

Which was read and referred to the Carroll county delegation.

Mr. Coale presented the petition of R. H. Murdock, for an act to authorise Joshua Dill, administrator on the estate of Jacob Hill, a free negro, deceased, to pay over the balance in his hands to George Hill, son of the said Jacob, who is a slave to the said Murdock;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Creswell presented the remonstrance of John P. Evans and fifty other citizens of Cecil county, against any increase of the school tax for said county;

Which was read and referred to the Cecil county delegation.

Also, the remonstrance of Killingsworth & Co., and fifty-five other citizens of Cecil county, against an extension of the stay law;

Also, the remonstrance of S. Rowland Carson, and fifty-six other citizens of Cecil county, against an extension of the stay law;

Which were read and referred to the select committee on the stay law.